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BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

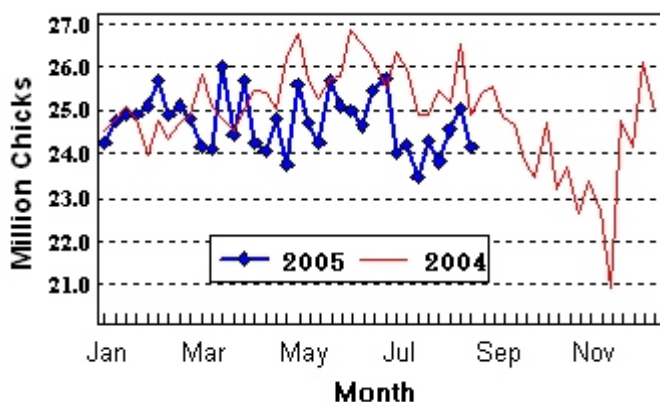
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending August 27, 2005. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through August 27, 2005 were 865.9 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.6 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

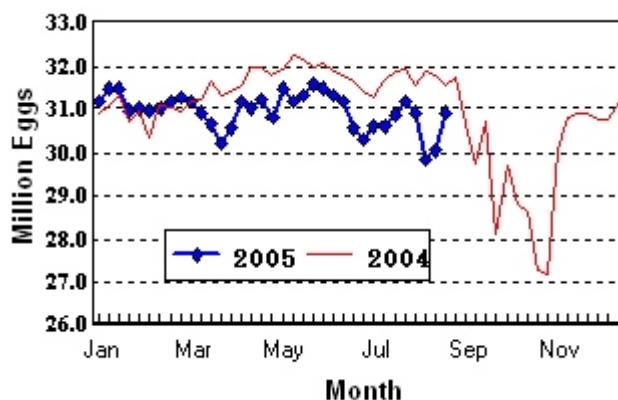
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 27, 2005, down 2 percent from the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jul. 23	24,888	23,493	94	25,985	24,981	96	31,896	30,862	97
Jul. 30	24,929	24,315	98	25,654	25,355	99	31,944	31,178	98
Aug. 6	25,439	23,813	94	25,964	25,504	98	31,552	30,929	98
Aug. 13	25,208	24,581	98	26,148	25,553	98	31,870	29,854	94
Aug. 20	26,539	25,069	94	26,298	25,700	98	31,803	30,050	94
Aug. 27	24,919	24,158	97	25,982	25,624	99	31,540	30,918	98

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	06-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug		23-Jul	30-Jul	06-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug	
Alabama	31,350	31,532	31,132	31,580	106	21,943	21,683	22,250	21,274	21,635 *	21,617	101
ARKANSAS	30,929	29,854	30,050	30,918	98	23,493	24,315	23,813	24,581 *	25,069 *	24,158	97
Delaware	3,956	3,940	3,938	3,784	102	4,781	5,629	6,216	5,998	5,954 *	5,864	109
Florida	1,381	1,382	1,287	1,379	103	1,445	1,586	1,488	1,635	1,511	1,510	115
Georgia	33,402	34,107	34,828 *	33,247	99	25,969	27,496	27,134	27,691 *	26,602 *	26,385	97
Kentucky	7,149	7,101	6,932 *	6,622	92	5,818	5,983	6,077	6,271	6,093 *	6,146	97
Louisiana	4,135	4,135	4,120	4,073	103	4,120	4,118	4,167	4,053	3,936	4,150	106
Maryland	8,963	8,731	8,934 *	8,919	102	6,075	5,216	4,920	5,327	4,987 *	5,253	96
Mississippi	18,794	18,998	18,906	18,501	98	17,459	17,394	17,385	17,466	17,240	17,159	101
N. Carolina	18,193 *	18,342 *	18,082 *	17,506	98	14,258	14,422	15,101	15,162	15,168	14,512	103
Oklahoma	6,638	6,590 *	6,601 *	6,734	101	5,121	3,868	4,804	5,101 *	4,907 *	4,387	93
Pennsylvania	3,989	4,107	4,066 *	4,188	106	2,820	3,109	3,025	3,360	3,104 *	2,889	105
S. Carolina	5,060	5,198	5,110	5,175	125	4,467	3,854	4,291	4,007	4,721	5,003	118
Texas	14,233	13,830	15,001	15,066	98	12,310	12,893	12,785	12,724	12,595	12,084	94
Virginia	6,408	6,274	6,270	6,196	94	5,225	5,707	5,136	5,019	5,172 *	5,207	96
CA,MO,TN,WV	18,425	17,794 *	18,500 *	17,518	101	17,096	16,944	17,496 *	16,204 *	16,226 *	17,704	99
Total 2005	213,005 *	211,915 *	213,757 *	211,406		172,400	174,217	176,088 *	175,873 *	174,920 *	174,028	
Total 2004	213,074	213,309	212,926	210,468		173,185	174,183	175,954	175,391	176,170	175,177	
%Prev. Year	100	99	100	100		100	100	100	100	99	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	01-Oct	08-Oct	15-Oct	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 211 million eggs during the week ending August 27, 2005. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 27, 2005. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through August 27, 2005 were 5.98 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.